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In re Application of: KUNDAN M. PATEL ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/778,333 Filed: February 7, 2001

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SAID ADDITIVES

Colonial Heights, VA 23834 October 17, 2003

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Petition P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

<u>PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED</u> <u>APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)</u>

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions, through his attorney of record, the Commissioner for Patents to revive the above-identified application.

The application became unintentionally abandoned for failure to respond to the Office Action, dated April 4, 2003, which is attached hereto as Tab 1. This petition is filed within one (1) year of the date of abandonment of the application.

The required response, Notice of Appeal, is attached hereto as Tab 2.

Please charge the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(m) of \$1,300.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-1125. This sheet is attached in triplicate.

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In view of the above, a favorable decision is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted, KUNDAN M. PATEL ET AL.

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Dispຸ sition of Claims				
Claim(s) 1 - 60		is/are pe	ending in the application.	
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Claim(s) 1-3, 18		is/are re	jected.	
A Claim(s) 8, 9, 13, 14	is/are ob	is/are objected to.		
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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, 3 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Scharf. The rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is applied as in the previous office action. In view of applicant's argument that a melt viscosity of the molten component that is substantially less that the melt viscosity of the molten thermoplastic polymer requires a melt viscosity ratio of molten thermoplastic polymer to molten component of at least about 1.5/1, the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection is overcome. While the reference does not disclose a melt viscosity ratio of at least about 1.5/1, the melt viscosity difference is sufficient to allow migration of the low melt viscosity component to the surface under shearing conditions. See col. 4, lines 49-61. Where a reference discloses a variable as a result-effective variable, it would have been routine experimentation to determine workable or optimum melt viscosity ratios, such as a melt viscosity ratio of molten thermoplastic polymer to molten component of about 1.5/1 or greater, that allow the low melt viscosity component to migrate to the surface under processing conditions. The migration of the low viscosity component to the surface is evidence that substantially no chemical reaction occurs between the thermoplastic polymer and low melt viscosity component of the reference.

In view of applicant's argument that a melt viscosity of the molten component that is substantially less that the melt viscosity of the molten thermoplastic polymer requires a melt viscosity ratio of molten thermoplastic polymer to molten component of at least about 1.5/1 and that the claims require a lower viscosity molten component that exhibits a tendency to locate at the surface of the molten thermoplastic polymer, the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections over Wessling are overcome.

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Claims 8, 9, 13 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

This application contains claims 19-60 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in Paper No. 6. a complete reply to the final rejection must include cancelation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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